CLASSIFICATION OFFICE DECISION

Title of publication:	DAD'S.txt
Other known title(s):	Not stated
OFLC ref:	1500676.006
Medium:	Computer Text File
Publisher:	Not applicable
Country of origin:	Not stated
Language:	English
Applicant:	Commissioner of Police
Classification:	Objectionable.
Descriptive note:	None
Display conditions:	None
Date of entry in Register:	20 October 2015
Date of direction to issue a label:	No direction to issue a label has been issued
Date of notice of decision:	19 October 2015

Summary of reasons for decision:

The computer text file is a 25-page story about a father who, over the course of several chapters, has sex with, among others, his daughter, her daughter's friend and a waitress, all of whom are 15 to 16 years of age. The sexual acts are written about in detail and graphically described. The prose intends the reader to find the descriptions titillating and sexually gratifying, and has been written for this purpose. The effect of the story is to encourage and legitimise a sexual interest in young persons and to give the impression that they are ready and available for adult forms of sexual contact.

The classification of this publication as objectionable interferes with the freedom of expression under the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990, but this is an outcome that is consistent with Parliament's intention that publications falling under s 3(2)(a) of the Films, Videos, and Publications Classification Act 1993 are deemed to be objectionable. This is a reasonable limitation on the freedom of expression that reflects the concern of a free and democratic society to limit the availability of publications that promote and support the exploitation of young persons for sexual purposes.